



## CITY OF SAN DIEGO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT



### **Guidelines for Recycling Containers and Signage for Recyclable Material Collection Services**

The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure the provision of adequate containers and signage for the storage and collection of recyclable material.

#### **Residential and Commercial Facilities**

All persons in residential and commercial facilities that are responsible for providing on-site recycling services shall ensure the provision of on-site containers for the collection and storage of recyclable materials that meet the following standards:

#### **Standards for Recyclable Material Collection Containers**

- **Container Features** - Automatic lift containers, bins, roll-offs, and other containers used to store recyclable materials pending collection shall be equipped with close-fitting lids and be leak-proof and rodent-proof.
- **Cleaning and Maintenance** - Franchisee or Certified Recyclable Materials Collector shall maintain all of its containers used for providing service in the City of San Diego in a safe, neat, clean and operable condition at all times.
- **Container Identification** - Automatic lift containers, bins, roll-offs, and other containers used to store recyclable materials pending collection within the City shall be clearly identified as a recyclable materials container, and shall display the name and phone number of the Franchisee or Certified Recyclable Materials Collector to whom the container belongs.
- **Container Signage** - Automatic lift containers, bins, roll-offs, and other containers used to collect and store recyclable materials pending collection within the City shall display a list of the recyclable materials which may be deposited into the container.

#### **Storage Area Signage**

- The facility owner, operator or manager is responsible for posting and maintaining one sign in each area where recyclable materials are collected and stored. The sign shall display a list of the recyclable materials which may be deposited into the containers.

#### **Special Events**

All special events that require a permit from the City of San Diego are responsible for providing on-site recycling containers. The provision of on-site containers for the collection of recyclable materials must meet the following standards:

## **Standards for Containers and Collected Material**

- **Container Quantity** - The number of recycling containers shall equal the number of solid waste containers.
- **Container Placement** - The solid waste and recycling containers shall be placed next to one another throughout the event venue.
- **Accepted Materials** - The types of recyclable materials suitable for deposit into each recycling container shall include, at a minimum, aluminum and metal cans, and glass and plastic bottles and jars.
- **Container Identification and Signage** - Each recycling container shall be clearly identified as a recycling container and display a list of the types of recyclable materials that may be deposited into the container.
- **Transfer of Accepted Materials** - Recyclable materials deposited into the recycling containers must be delivered to a recycling facility for recycling, not a landfill for disposal.

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